

Remarks

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the present application, with Claims 1, 6, 13, and 15 being independent.

Claims 1-5 were previously allowed. These claims have not been amended. Thus, it is submitted that Claims 1-5 remain allowable.

Claims 6, 13, and 15 have been amended. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Claims 6-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,502,147 (Reilly). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 6 of the invention, as amended, recites a data processing apparatus including connection means for connecting to an external device, input means for inputting an instruction to execute a job and an instruction regarding whether the external device is or is not to be informed of a result of a processing of the job, processing means for processing the job based on the instruction input by the input means, and informing means for informing the external device of the result of the job processing executed by the processing means through the connection means when the external device is to be informed of the result of the job processing.

Independent Claim 13 of the invention, as amended, recites a control method of a data processing apparatus executing a job. The method includes the steps of discriminating a result of a job executed by the data processing apparatus, determining if an external device should be informed of the result based on an input regarding whether

the external device is or is not to be informed of a result of a processing of the job, and informing an external device connected to the data processing apparatus of the discriminated result to the job if the determining step determines that the external device is to be informed of the result of the job.

Independent Claim 15 of the invention, as amended, recites a computer readable program, stored in a storage medium, for controlling a data processing apparatus executing a job. The computer readable program includes the steps of discriminating a result of a job executed by the data processing apparatus, determining if an external device should be informed of the result based on an input regarding whether the external device is or is not to be informed of a result of a processing of the job, and informing an external device connected to the data processing apparatus of the discriminated result to the job if the determining step determines that the external device is to be informed of the result of the job.

Reilly relates to a centralized queue in network printing systems that allows clients of a network printer to make job requests and enter a spot in a job queue without transmitting the actual print job data to the network. Reilly teaches that a host computer sends a print job request to a printer, that the printer sends a transmit job command to the requesting host computer to transmit the print job, and that an enumerate queue command may also be transmitted from a requesting host computer to obtain an ordered list of the jobs in the print queue 82. (Reilly, Col. 4, lines 32-52).

According to the Office Action, the enumerate queue command meets the claimed feature of the instruction regarding whether the external device is to be informed of a result of a processing of a job. (Office Action, page 2). However, Reilly also teaches

that the information that may be received by the requesting host computer in response to the enumerate queue command includes the number of elements in the print queue 82, the order that the elements in the print queue 82 are scheduled to be printed, the order that completed print jobs in the print queue 82 were printed, and the estimated time that the print job will complete printing or the time that the print job did actually complete printing. (Reilly, Col. 4, lines 52-58). Absent from Reilly is any teaching or suggestion of inputting an instruction *not* to inform the external device of the result of a job processing.

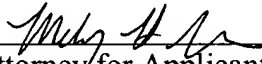
For at least this reason, it is submitted that Claims 6, 13, and 15 each patentably define the present invention over the cited art. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the §102 rejection are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons that the base claims from which they depend are allowable, and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience are earnestly solicited.

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